

The Department of Public Safety Training Academy is hosting a handgun, shotgun, and patrol rifle firearms instructor course sponsored by the Alaska Police Standards Council, the Department of Public Safety Training Academy and the Alaska State Troopers.

May 8-19, 2023

Located at the Department of Public Safety Training Academy in Sitka, Alaska.

Class will run from 0800-1700 hours most days. This course is instructed in accordance with Alaska Department of Public Safety firearms manuals. Scores of 90% or greater on a written test and qualification course of fire are required for DPS certification. Prior completion of a police academy firearms course for pistol, rifle, and shotgun is required to attend the firearms instructor course.

Equipment Requirements:

- AR-15/M4 patrol rifle and 3 magazines.
- Pistol, duty belt, duty holster, pistol magazines.
- 870 shotgun with side saddle.
- Body armor.
- Eye and ear protection, ball cap.
- Clothing appropriate for the weather.
- Handheld flashlight with spare batteries or charger.
- Uniform of the day will be the BDU.
- Long guns are required to be equipped with a sling.

Optional:

- Knee and elbow pads.
- Shooting gloves.
- Weapon mounted light.
- Shot timer.
- Laptop computer.
- RDS equipped pistol.

Students considering becoming DPS-certified firearms instructors must consistently score 90% (216) or higher on the DPS handgun qualification course prior to attending this training.

Please make time for dry practice and live fire practice (including malfunction clearances) prior to this course. Each student is required to submit a photo of their supervised DPS handgun qualification target with his/her name, date, score, and witnessing firearms instructor's name **within 14 days prior to the start of the class.**

If you do not have access to a firearms instructor who can supervise the qualification within the 14 day window prior to the class, then you may have your supervisor observe the cold qualification. It is recommended that a shot timer be used.

To be eligible for APSC instructor certification, all firearms instructors must complete a methods of instruction (MOI) class and the firearms instructor class. If you have not attended MOI prior to attending the DPS firearms instructor class you must attend MOI within six months of completing the firearms instructor class.

Students will be expected to shoot a minimum score of 216 on the first day of class. Time limits will be enforced during the qualification. Time limits for malfunction clearances are as follows: 3 seconds for fail to fire; 3 seconds for fail to eject; 7 seconds for double feed. Shots after the malfunction clearance must be hits on target. Students that do not meet the time or accuracy standards on day 1 will be dismissed from the class.

Students need to arrive in Sitka, Alaska the day prior to the start of the course and depart Sitka the evening or morning after the completion of the course. Contact the DPS Training Academy as soon as you have your travel arrangements made, 907-747-6611, and provide your itinerary.

The FI class will be limited to 25 students. To reserve your place, submit target photos, or ask questions, please contact Corporal Jonnathon Stroebele at [jonnathon.stroebele@alaska.gov](mailto:jonnathon.stroebele@alaska.gov)